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Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121)

The amendment document filed on 5/11/04 is considered non-compliant because it has failed to meet the requirements of 37 CFR 1.121, as amended on June 30, 2003 (see 68 Fed. Reg. 38611, Jun. 30, 2003). In order for the amendment document to be compliant, correction of the following item(s) is required. **Only the corrected section of the non-compliant amendment document must be resubmitted (in its entirety), e.g., the entire "Amendments to the claims" section of applicant's amendment document must be re-submitted.** 37 CFR 1.121(h).

THE FOLLOWING CHECKED (X) ITEM(S) CAUSE THE AMENDMENT DOCUMENT TO BE NON-COMPLIANT:

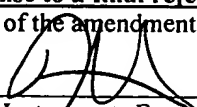
- ☐ 1. Amendments to the specification:
- ☐ A. Amended paragraph(s) do not include markings.
 - ☐ B. New paragraph(s) should not be underlined.
 - ☐ C. Other _____
- ☐ 2. Abstract:
- ☐ A. Not presented on a separate sheet. 37 CFR 1.72.
 - ☐ B. Other _____
- ☒ 3. Amendments to the drawings: See Attachment
- ☐ 4. Amendments to the claims:
- ☐ A. A complete listing of all of the claims is not present.
 - ☐ B. The listing of claims does not include the text of all claims (including withdrawn claims)
 - ☐ C. Each claim has not been provided with the proper status identifier, and as such, the individual status of each claim cannot be identified.
 - ☐ D. The claims of this amendment paper have not been presented in ascending numerical order.
 - ☐ E. Other: _____

For further explanation of the amendment format required by 37 CFR 1.121, see MPEP Sec. 714 and the USPTO website at <http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/dapp/opla/preognotice/officeflyer.pdf>.

If the non-compliant amendment is a **PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**, applicant is given ONE MONTH from the mail date of this letter to supply the corrected section which complies with 37 CFR 1.121. Failure to comply with 37 CFR 1.121 will result in non-entry of the preliminary amendment and examination on the merits will commence without consideration of the proposed changes in the preliminary amendment(s). This notice is not an action under 35 U.S.C. 132, and this **ONE MONTH** time limit is not extendable.

If the non-compliant amendment is a reply to a **NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION** (including a submission for an RCE), and since the amendment appears to be a *bona fide* attempt to be a reply (37 CFR 1.135(c)), applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE MONTH from the mailing of this notice within which to re-submit the corrected section which complies with 37 CFR 1.121 in order to avoid abandonment. **EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD ARE AVAILABLE UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).**

If the amendment is a reply to a **FINAL REJECTION**, this form may be an attachment to an Advisory Action. The period for response to a final rejection continues to run from the date set in the final rejection, and is not affected by the non-compliant status of the amendment.


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REVISED AMENDMENT PRACTICE (DRAWINGS)

Requirements of the revised amendment practice of the final rule for all amendments filed on or after July 30, 2003:

-Drawing changes must be submitted on a separate sheet attached to the amendment

-Sheets should be labeled "Replacement Sheet"

-The drawing should not be labeled "amended"

-A marked up copy of the drawing change may be filed along with the clean replacement sheet if labeled correctly

ALSO NOTE: A MARKED-UP COPY OF ONE OR MORE OF THE FIGURES BEING AMENDED, WITH ANNOTATIONS, MAY ALSO BE INCLUDED TO PROVIDE FURTHER EXPLANATION OF THE CHANGES MADE. THE MARKED-UP VERSION MUST BE LABELED AS "ANNOTATED MARKED-UP DRAWINGS." ANY AMENDED REPLACEMENT DRAWING SHEET SHOULD INCLUDE ALL OF THE FIGURES APPEARING ON THE IMMEDIATE PRIOR VERSION OF THE SHEET, EVEN THOUGH ONLY ONE FIGURE MAY BE AMENDED. THE FIGURE OR FIGURE NUMBER OF AN AMENDED DRAWING SHOULD NOT BE LABELED AS "AMENDED." IF A DRAWING FIGURE IS TO BE CANCELED, THE APPROPRIATE FIGURE MUST BE REMOVED FROM THE REPLACEMENT SHEET, AND WHERE NECESSARY, THE REMAINING FIGURES MUST BE RENUMBERED.